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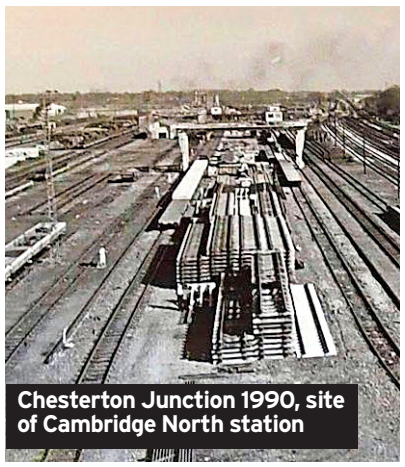
# Arrow for an aerial and jumping at the chance to buy old chutes

***MIKE PETTY** AND **JAMES MILNER** LOOK THROUGH THE **CAMBRIDGE NEWS** ARCHIVES AT SOME OF THE STORIES WE REPORTED ON THIS DAY IN THE PAST*



Chesterton Junction 1990, site of Cambridge North station

## New Cambridge North station – 1988

A NEW railway station designed to ease Cambridge's worsening transport problems could be sited near the A10 at Milton, says British Rail.

No costs for the Cambridge Parkway halt have yet been worked out but BR would almost certainly look for cash from the community to build the new station and car park.

Last year, the city and county councils provided £125,000 help pay for new crossing gates at Cherry Hinton.

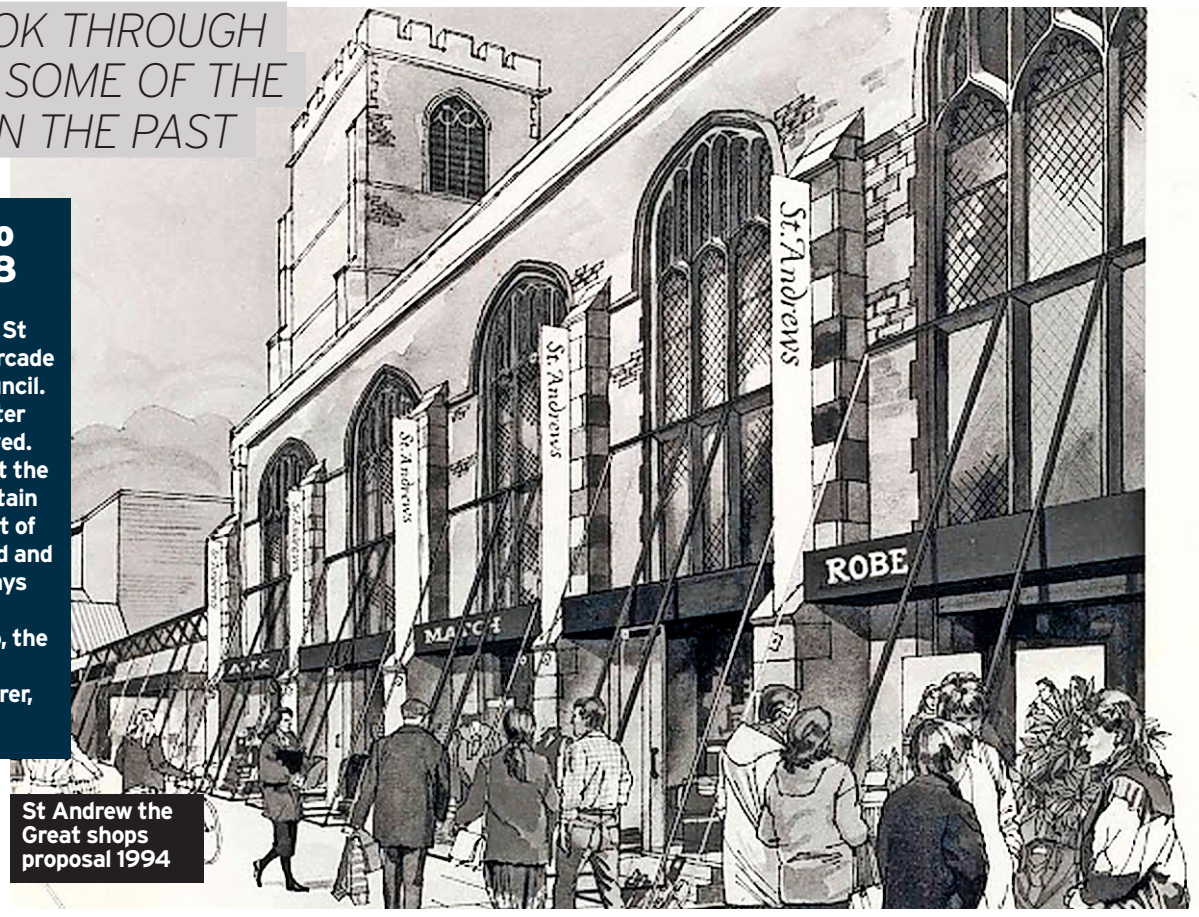
## Plan to turn church into shopping arcade – 1988

**A PLAN to transform the church of St Andrew the Great into a shopping arcade has been thrown out by the city council.**

**A similar scheme was rejected after 500 letters of objection were received.**

**A pressure group hopes to protect the church from commercial use and retain it for Christian worship. But the cost of renovating the building has rocketed and the Bishop of Ely fears the long delays mean it can never be restored.**

**Closed more than three years ago, the 145-year-old building contains a memorial to Captain Cook the explorer, and a peal of eight bells.**




St Andrew the Great shops proposal 1994

## Suffolk's answer to Billy Connolly – 1977

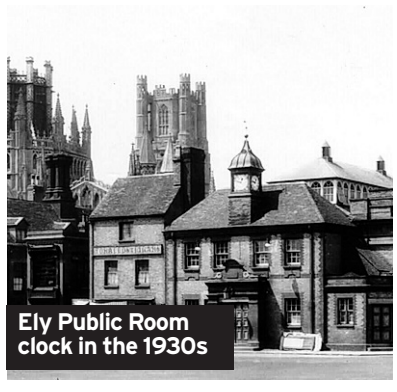
NEWMARKET'S one-man band of talent, Pete Sayers, once used to be a country singer. He is now an all-round entertainer. His "brother" Dennis, a yokel, has an inoffensive yet earthy sense of humour likely to brand him as Suffolk's answer to Billy Connolly.

He speaks with wildly protruding teeth and wears thick-lensed spectacles, a cloth cap, and a dirty old mackintosh.

A firm favourite, he was less funny last night with the effect that his act went on too long.

Another polished character is Ricky Storm, a raving rock'n'roll hangover from the 1950s with a "DA" hairstyle, "creeper" shoes, and smart period suit, while Lawanda Davis, his female impersonation, is a full-figured country singer straight out of Nashville.

Dennis at Ely in 1991



Ely Public Room clock in the 1930s

## Forming museum on Lynn Road – 1964

ELY council is to consider forming a society of volunteers to run No.4 Lynn Road as a museum.

The future of the public clock on the former Exchange Cinema is uncertain; nothing has been heard from the London Development Company about the suggestion that the mechanism should be incorporated into the new building to be erected on the Corn Exchange site.

Now a similar inquiry will be made of the G.P.O. which is to build a new Post Office on a site facing the Market Place.

## More fuel needed as car users double – 1961

THE village of Milton may double in size and soon there will be another 60 cars wanting fuel.

However, there is only one filling station, it does not have a suitable entrance and is often obstructed, an inspector was told.

But plans for another, nearly opposite the Lion and Lamb public house, had been rejected by the county council who said there were eight filling stations between Cambridge and Ely, an average of one every one-and-a-half miles and another would be a traffic hazard.

## Melbourn parish church raided – 1957

MELBOURN parish church has been broken into and silver plate stolen from the vestry. The loss includes three chalices, two platters, a Georgian salver, a service plate, 12-inch high flagon and a wafer box.

Rev H. Jukes said: "The vicar of a parish is bound to have enemies but I can't think of anyone who could have done it apart from gain."

He had to use his own personal 'miniature' Holy Communion set so he could hold a service for nine people, using a chalice only meant for three.

## Vicar of Over's resignation – 1953

THE vicar of Over sprang a surprise on Sunday night when he announced that he had tendered his resignation.

"My chief reasons are financial and family," he told his congregation.

His salary had been raised to £500 but this is dependent on the parish meeting its quota.

He said: "Over could have raised this had the parish wished to do so, but there is no will to make the exertion.

"If a parish, which is in a position to find the money to pay a share of its priest's stipend, refuses to do so, it should not have the services of a